

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Please replace Drawing Sheets 2/5 (FIG. 2) and 3/5 (FIG. 3) with the two appended replacement sheets. Two pages of annotated drawings are also appended, indicating changes made as suggested by the Examiner.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS:

Claims 1-13 are pending in this application. In the Office Action dated November 7, 2006, the Examiner has objected to the term 'compliment' (block 68) in FIGs 2-3, objected to various informalities in the specification and in claims 1, 4-8 and 11; and rejected claims 12-13 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. These objections and rejections are addressed below in turn.

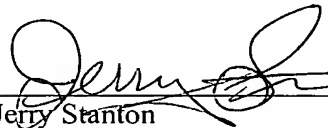
Drawings: Appended hereto are two sheets of replacement drawings to replace the corresponding drawing sheets filed June 7, 2004, and also two annotated sheets showing the change made to block 68 as suggested by the Examiner. No new matter is added.

Specification: The title on the abstract page, as well as the cited (and other) instances of the terms 'compliment' and 'weighing' are corrected in the specification as suggested by the Examiner. No new matter is added.

Claims: claims 1, 4-8 and 11 are amended to address the Examiner's objections. Claims 12-13 are amended to recite proper antecedent basis, but the undersigned notes that claim 9 is not amended in its preamble as suggested by the Examiner. Each claim objection and rejection is seen to be fully addressed in the above listing of claims. No new matter is added.

The Applicants thank the Examiner for noting the objections and providing an opportunity to correct them. All objections and rejections are seen to be fully addressed, and the Applicants now respectfully request that claims 1-13 be passed to issue. The undersigned representative welcomes the opportunity to resolve any matters that may remain, formal or otherwise, via teleconference at the Examiner's discretion.

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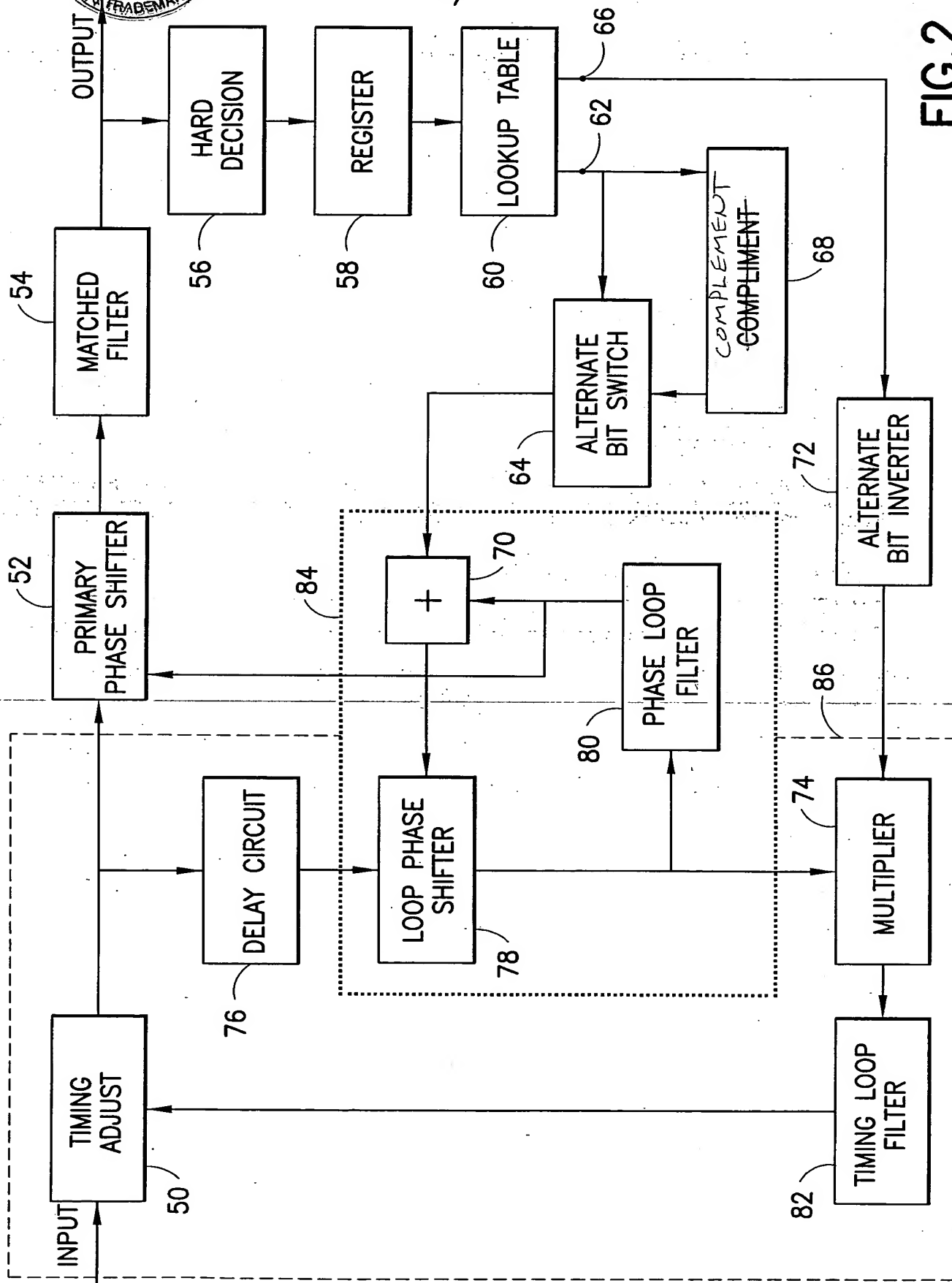


FIG. 2



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